

(4) expresses its hope that the long historical bonds and cooperation between Brazil and the United States be further developed and strengthened in the coming years.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this concurrent resolution to the Secretary of State for transmittal to President Jose Sarney of Brazil.

Agreed to June 3, 1985.

June 17, 1985

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OFFICIAL VISIT OF HABIB BOURGUIBA,
PRESIDENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA—GREETINGS

Whereas the United States and the Republic of Tunisia share a common bond of friendship in the pursuit of democratic values; Whereas the President and the people of Tunisia share with the Government and the people of the United States the ideals of liberty, peace, democracy, and progress;

Whereas the United States recognizes the achievements under President Bourguiba which include continued emphasis on progress in economic growth and political democratization resulting in sustained economic and social benefits for its people;

Whereas the people of the United States admire and applaud President Bourguiba since Tunisia was the first Arab country to give women the right to vote;

Whereas the United States commends the Tunisian Government and its people for recognizing the value and the power of formal education by allocating one-third of its budget to instruction as an investment in democracy in the future;

Whereas the United States values and respects Tunisia's role as a leader in the Arab world and its moderating influence in the Maghreb which has had significant benefits for our mutual and shared strategic interests;

Whereas Habib Bourguiba has always stood for peaceful settlement of regional conflicts and it was President Bourguiba, who, in 1965, called for peaceful coexistence between the Arabs and Israelis; and

Whereas the United States recognizes the importance of a strong and independent Tunisia: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Congress extends its warm greetings and respect to his excellency, Habib Bourguiba, the President of the Republic of Tunisia, on the occasion of his third official visit to the United States, with the hope that this visit will mark the continued close and friendly ties between our two great nations.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the President for transmittal to the Government of Tunisia.

Agreed to June 17, 1985.